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1. Early in May 1948, the Yugoslav and Polish military missions, as well as the Bulgarian Purchasing Commission, in Berlin, were asked by a Soviet agency in Prague to purchase in Germany a large amount of mining machinery and equipment. Exact figures are not available; however, it is known that the main items ordered are mine excavators, special boring machines (including also diamond boring tools), and electro-physical measuring instruments.

2. A large part of the order has already been filled. The purchase price was not, as is usual, paid by the Soviet agency in Prague, but directly by the SMA Komendatura in Berlin-Weissensee, Grosse Seestrasse 7.

3. A former bunker at Chausseestrasse 35, Berlin, is used by the Yugoslavs as a storage depot, while the Bulgarian Purchasing Commission is using for this purpose a former air raid shelter in Pankow-Niederschoesenhausen, located in the so-called "Maeldchen" area. Both bunkers are guarded by Russian civilians. The location of the storage place of the Polish Military Mission is not yet known. A large amount of material is leaving from these bunkers; the shipping papers are issued in Berlin-Weissensee.

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